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MANHATTAN U.S. ATTORNEY ANNOUNCES THE INDICTMENT OF TWO MEN IN AN ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE SAUDI ARABIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES

PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that a five-count criminal Indictment has been filed today in the case of Manssor Arbabsiar, et al. The charges in the Indictment mirror those that were alleged in the criminal Complaint that was filed on October 11, 2011. The case has been assigned to U.S. District Judge John F. Keenan of the Southern District of New York. An arraignment for Arbabsiar has not been scheduled as of yet. His co-defendant, Gholam Shakuri, remains at large.

This case is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Glen Kopp and Edward Kim, of the Terrorism and International Narcotics Unit of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, with assistance from the Counterterrorism Section of the Justice Department's National Security Division.

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